



By Kent Watts

The football season was climaxed with the Football Banquet at Weldon's Cafeteria on Thursday, December 3rd. Anthony Augustine received a sportsmanship trophy for being such a good sport and Dick Putney was given an award. The Cheerleaders were also present. The main speakers were sports-writers from The Houston Chronicle and Houston Post.

What's In A Name

The basketball season for Pershing opens January 5th. The first game will be with Deady. Our A team will play Deady's A team in our gym and our B team will play Deady's B team at Deady. We would like to have a large crowd at our opening game.

Our A team is composed of Richard Tinsley, Gene Good, Bill Jensen, Ben Britt, Terry Thompson, Richard Keitt, Steve Thomas, Ray Mason, John Davis, Delbert Turney, Skip Taylor, Gus Kaerner, Steve Tate and Mark Bowden.

In the girls' Sports Department modern dancing and basketball are on the list. The girls are enjoying it although they aren't used to such strenuous exercise.

Our Field Trip

By Paula Wiley

Mrs. Barnes wrote Mr. Brown to find out when we could go on our field trip. It was decided that we would go on the 21st of November, to Bender's Lake.

We had an exciting time. First the club walked around the lake. Mr. Brown, the man who took us out there, went with us to help name the trees.

When we were just coming in from the lake, it started to rain, but it was just a shower, so we stayed. We ate a big pot of beans and hot dogs for lunch.

From there the Marine group went down to the creek. We caught several species of Minnows and water bugs. The Marine group also found some quacks and got rather muddy. However, we all had a very good time.

Orchids and Onions

Orchids: To Ann Nichols for finally deciding to like Donald Murff. Better get to work, Donald. Paul Phillips likes her too!

Onions: To Barbara Macow for trying to catch a boy who goes to Lamar.

Orchids: To Charles Knapp for finding himself a girl friend.

Onions: To Sondra McNulty for getting mad at her boy friend.

Orchids: To Vann for being so sweet to Letitia at the Gambadians party.

Onions: To Richard Keitt for giving all his pictures away so soon.

Orchids: To Colette for finally hooking Nick.

ONE FOR THE BOOKS

When a student at a certain school received a report card with four F's and one D, he was called before the principal and asked if there was an explanation for four failing grades.

"I guess I just spent too much time on the other subject," was the blithe reply.

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Basketball Teams Ready For Action

It's basketball time again and the Pershing A and B teams are both ready to go.

The first game of the season, a practice game, was played in the gym December 8, at 3:30 P.M., between the Pershing and Hogg A teams. Both teams looked good and if that game was a sample, the boys are really out for a win this season.

Coach Gross has a fine team again this year and with that ole Pershing spirit and backing from the students, we can expect championship teams.

Kay not sleep
Kay not rest
Kay Knapp

Stephen not Dick
Stephen not Robert
Stephen Thomas

Louise not left
Louise not straight
Louise Wright

Bill not maid
Bill not cook
Bill Butler

Linda not big
Linda not small
Linda Little

Lynn not stinky
Lynn not sweet
Lynn Smelley

Annelle not sheriff
Annelle not deputy
Annelle Marshall

Brooke not Jefferson
Brooke not Lincoln
Brooke Hamilton

Bill not sad
Bill not happy
Bill Gay

Mooneyene not Dallas
Mooneyene not Austin
Mooneyene Heuston

Judy not Mexico
Judy not Spain
Judy Canada

Bob not Mercury
Bob not Ford
Bob Nash

Tom not governor
Tom not president
Tom Mayor

Sally not heater
Sally not cooler
Sally Fann

Holiday Spirit

History books can thank Jo Ann Richardson, a member of Mr. Bob Ridley's second period history class, for a new bit of information.

On Jo Ann's six weeks' history test there was a fill-in-the-blank question which read, "The Eastern Roman Empire fell to——." The history book used by the class says that the answer is the Ottoman Turks, but Jo Ann, who must really have had the holiday spirit, chose as her answer the word "turkeys!"

FOOTBALL FOLLIES

Football is thought of as the most important sport of the junior high schools in Houston. Students from Pershing readily agree with that. They love to play the game—by their own rules!

Today we will bring you a play-by-play description of Pershing's description of football.

It's a fine day for football, the air is crisp and cool and the field is in wonderful shape. Joann McConnell, Bob Barnett, Billie Roy, Jerry Evans and other members of the team can be seen warming up. The game will begin in a few seconds.

There goes the whistle! Charlie Church is kicking off to Wanda Phears.

Lynn Smelley and Bunky Caldwell, Jody Childers and Larry Evans have gone into a huddle to discuss the next play.

Richard Keitt threw a pass to Karen Miner but Janice Pettit intercepted and went over for a touchdown. Good going, Janice!

The game is resumed and we find

Jane Yoder trying to get through the line to tackle Larry Allen.

Tom Mayor is on the 96 yard line and has only 4 yards to go to reach his goal. Arlene Strong is running his interference and hoping he makes it.

There's a lull in the game so we'll look around to see what else is happening. Well, glory be! There's Jo Burdett sitting on the bench waiting for action. And looky there! Betty Conrad is draped on a goal post making faces at the umpire!

As our attention wanders aimlessly back to the game we find that Sunny Sue O'Neal has the ball and is advancing down the field. Charles Knapp is doing his best to catch her before she gets away.

We gander toward the other end of the stadium and find Jimmy Hunt playing the field.

Buddy Ives and Bobbie Louise Hainline, along with a few others are warming the bench.

Ooohs! There goes the gun and the game ends with Jo Burdett still sitting on the bench and Betty Conrad perched on the goal post.

Basketball Schedule

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(Big Boys)

Jan. 5—Deady at Pershing
Jan. 7—Pershing at Jackson
Jan. 13—Lanier at Pershing
Jan. 15—Johnston at Pershing
Jan. 19—Pershing at Edison
Jan. 28—Pershing at Deady
Feb. 3—Jackson at Pershing
Feb. 5—Pershing at Lanier
Feb. 9—Pershing at Johnston
Feb. 11—Edison at Pershing

AMERICAN LEAGUE

(Small Boys)

Pershing at Deady
Pershing at Pershing
Pershing at Lanier
Pershing at Johnston
Edison at Pershing
Deady at Pershing
Pershing at Jackson
Lanier at Pershing
Johnston at Pershing
Pershing at Edison

Panda Hit Parade

Phil Zalmanzig—"So Long, It's Been Good to Know You"
Sunny O'Neal—"Charlie My Boy"
Wanda Phears—"Toys"
Nina Faulkner and Roy Allen—"Love Walked In"
Jo Burdett—"Too Young to Tango"
Arlene Strong—"Oh"
Lynn Smelley and Bunky Caldwell—"Too Young"
Bobby Hainline and Buddy Ives—"Strangers in Paradise"
Betty Conrad—"Baby Face"
Claire Emmet—"Little Blue Riding Hood"
Norma Adams—"Pretty Baby"
Ramona Huggins—"Ramona"
Maria Butos and Sandy Taylor—"We're Always Chasing Rain-Bows"
Sonny Young—"Santa Baby"
Judy Whitehurst—"Ricochete Romance"
Jody Childers and Larry Evans—"Where Is Your Heart?"
Jo Ann McConnell and Bob Barnett—"You Win Again"

To a certain O. C. from a certain ninth grade girl—"I've Got A Crush on You"
John Davis—"Dragnet"
Mike McCorry and Sue Stolz—"You're All I Want for Christmas"

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Merry Christmas

Christmas Fantasy and Sacred Music Presented In Yuletide Program

The annual Christmas musical, directed by Mrs. Virginia Perkins, assisted by Mrs. Yvonne Wells, was presented at 7:30 P.M. December 15 in the school auditorium. The members of the chorus formed the musical background for a delightful Christmas fantasy and for the traditional sacred music of the Yuletide season.

The first half of the program tells the story of a puzzled little boy lost among the teeming millions of New York City. His problem, which loomed more serious as the holiday season drew nearer, was the question, "Is there a Santa Claus?" In this portion of the program, the chorus sings modern Christmas music and a few lively folk songs. The narrative thread of the story is based upon the true and now famous incident concerning a small boy who lived some years ago in New York City. To solve his problem he wrote to the editor of the New York Sun.

Bethlehem's Light, the second part of the program contained the beautiful traditionally sacred hymns of Christmas.

Narrator of the play was Tom Mayor. The dancer was Patsy Weber.

Other students having special parts in the program were: Mac Kidd, Timmy Albans, Taylor Blanton, Helen Post, Susan Klimist, Randy Moore, and Robert Esch.

In addition to the night performance the program was given for the student body at a special assembly program.

Journalism Pupils Learn News Writing

By Frances Lloyd

If you see some snoopy young ladies approaching your room don't be alarmed. They are just looking around in hopes of finding some juicy news for the Junior Journalism Club.

This is a club organized for those students not yet qualified to work on the CHATTER. It teaches its members why we have a school paper, how to find news, the difference between various types of stories and it also offers several good pointers on how to write stories. The "make-up" of a paper will be shown to the members next.

While the members are learning some of the more important facts of journalism, they are also writing stories for contribution to the CHATTER. The Junior Journalism Club is sponsored by Mrs. Betty Scarborough. She has been at Pershing two years and teaches general math. The club was offered for the first time this year and was organized especially for the eighth grade students.

Members of the club are: Dorothy Reese, Mary Ruth Magruder, Priscilla (Prissy) Lindsay, Kay Knapp, Nancy Knapp, Carrol Kingelth, Kathleen Kelly, Karen Kamin, Ann Echols, Frances Lloyd, and Mary Benton.

Mache' Animals Are Art Projects

Glittery, pale blue reindeers with tiny gold feet that appear to be flying through the air and shaggy bright colored animals—No, it isn't Santa's workshop but the art department filled with the papier mache' animals the students made for Christmas.

The art department this semester made papier mache figures. The students made them out of old newspapers and wall paper paste and painted them with tempera. A coat of shellac was then added to water proof them. Some of the students even used crepe paper to fringe them and make them look furry. Buttons were used for the eyes.

The art students in Miss Hornak's classes also made a big snowman that was used for the Snowflake Ball.

These paper figures were on display at the Houston Public Library and were later sent to a children's hospital here in the city as Christmas gifts.

Play Presented For Assembly

A Christmas play entitled "The Christmas Promise" was presented in assembly Wednesday, December 9 by Mrs. High's H-8 registration.

Included in the cast were the following students: Billy Comiskey, Susan Archer, Norma Adams, Robert Esch, Jimmy Coley, Cecile Epping, and Lee Lillie. Assistant director was James Dunaway.

Two silk screen pictures, painted by Mr. Dan Landers, were used in decorating the stage.



Chlorophylla and Snoozy (Arlene Meyer and Randy Moore), two crazy kids from the Catskills sing at the "Friendship Hop."



Putting finishing touches on their papier mache' animals are Marilyn Walker, Marjorie Trulan, Patsy Yale and George Wells. Assisting them is Miss Lillian Hornak, their art teacher.

Holiday Spirit Reigns At Snowflake Ball

A Pershing beauty was crowned the Snowflake Queen on December 17 at the Snowflake Ball sponsored by the Student Council. The highlight of the evening came with the crowning of the Queen.

Each of the school clubs had previously selected a candidate to represent them. From this group the Queen was elected. These candidates were Maureen Miller, Sandra Wadsworth, Brenda Heid, Frandelia Bodden, Judy Whitehurst, Jamie Holt, Susan Twyman, Peg Wright, Pat Murphy, Nina Faulkner, Susan Nicholson, Norma Adams, Harriet Lieberman, Kay King, Mary Lynn Wilson, Joyce Dixon, Sandra Berstrom, Sally Bell, Marie Russell, Rise Finch, Harriet Diamond, Sue Stolz, Mary Ann Graff, Mickie Becker, JoAnn McConnell, Wanda Phears, Carole Sylvester, Carol Carter, Helen Post, Gracie Harpster, Dianne Frank, Vanita Berson, Bobbie Louise Hainline, Betty Hart, Sandra Schoenfield, Carolyn Tant, Nancy Culberts, Sandra Scarborough, Letitia Kinzbach, Shirley Wyatt, Celeste Ullrich, Emily Hamrick, and Marilu Ellis.

The Queen was elected by the student body. Each dance ticket bought entitled the purchaser to one vote. Ballot boxes were placed

in the different clubs and the voting carried out before the night of the dance.

Mrs. Perkins' Song Specialty Club provided the entertainment by presenting a Winter Wonderland Scene. They sang "Let It Snow," "Frosty the Snowman," "Skaters' Waltz," and "Walking in a Winter Wonderland." Featured in the "Skaters' Waltz" number were Tommy Tune and Sunny Sue O'Neal.

The metal and wood shops of Pershing did a great job in helping needy children have a better Christmas.

The metal shop under the direction of Mr. Vaught made lovely gifts for home use. The gifts the boys made were jewel boxes, bracelets, rings, candle holders, and cooking utensils.

Mr. Malone and the boys of the wood shop made many toy wagons, dogs, horses and pigs to give to the needy children. Wooden doll beds were also made.

Both the wood shop and the metal shop were headquarters for the repair of used toys to be distributed to the Goodfellows Organization who in turn are to see that they reach needy children at Christmas time.

Home Ec Girls Make Yule Gifts

By Pat Swanzy

Thanks to the home economics department of Pershing a lot of people are going to have a happy Christmas. To start it off they made 170 little individual Christmas trees for the Red Cross to give to the TB Hospital. These gifts were made of pine cones painted gold, decorated with small ornaments and placed on small blocks of styrofoam with miniature packages under them. They also make rag dolls to go in the doll beds that the wood shop classes make.

The girls also make fancy net Christmas aprons for their mothers. These aprons were decorated with the girls' own original designs and sequins galore.

Another project completed was red felt Christmas stockings decorated with the person's name in sequins and little felt figures in different colors.

Doll clothes, felt skirts for Christmas trees, and Christmas tablecloths decorated with braid and felt figures were also made to match these tablecloths and white napkins with little green felt Christmas trees decorated with sequins.

The cooking classes made fruit cakes. They used Mrs. Lord's mother's recipe. This recipe makes a ten pound cake and instead of calling for cups of ingredients it

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